



Brownfields 2004 Grant Fact Sheet

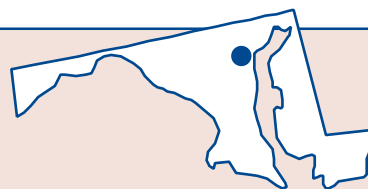
Baltimore, MD

EPA Brownfields Program

EPA's Brownfields Program empowers states, communities, and other stakeholders in economic development to work together to prevent, assess, safely clean up, and sustainably reuse brownfields. A brownfield site is real property, the expansion, redevelopment, or reuse of which may be complicated by the presence or potential presence of a hazardous substance, pollutant, or contaminant. On January 11, 2002, the President signed into law the Small Business Liability Relief and Brownfields Revitalization Act. Under the Brownfields Law, EPA provides financial assistance to eligible applicants through four competitive grant programs: assessment grants, revolving loan fund grants, cleanup grants, and job training grants. Additionally, funding support is provided to state and tribal response programs through a separate mechanism.

Community Description

The City of Baltimore was selected to receive a brownfields cleanup grant. The Brooklyn/Curtis Bay neighborhood (population 8,031) in which the Old Fairfield parcels are located contains a mix of residential and industrial properties. Like many older eastern cities, Baltimore (population 651,154) suffers from a declining population, a high poverty rate, and a decentralized employment pattern. The target neighborhood has a large concentration of chemical manufacturers and petrochemical storage facilities. Its residents are more than 18 percent African-American. Once cleanup is completed, the city plans to offer the original 17 acres plus an additional eight acres as a single 25-acre property for redevelopment into an eco-friendly industrial park.



Cleanup Grant

**New
2004**

\$125,411 for hazardous substances
\$74,589 for petroleum

EPA has selected the City of Baltimore for a brownfields cleanup grant. The grant will be used to clean up petroleum and hazardous substances contamination at the Old Fairfield site, a former salvage yard. The site is made up of a collection of contiguous properties covering approximately 17 acres in the Brooklyn/Curtis Bay section of Baltimore.

Contacts

For further information, including specific grant contacts, additional grant information, brownfields news and events, and publications and links, visit the EPA Brownfields web site at: www.epa.gov/brownfields.

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<http://www.epa.gov/reg3hwmd/bfs/index.htm>

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The cooperative agreement for this grant has not yet been negotiated; therefore, activities described in this fact sheet are subject to change.